

CITY OF NORWAY  
NORWAY, MICHIGAN

FEBRUARY 27, 2003  
SPECIAL MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING	The City Council of the City of Norway met in special session at 7:00 P.M., Thursday, February 27, 2003 at the Norway City Hall with Mayor Coates presiding.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Mayor Coates led the Council and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
ROLL CALL	Members present were: Coates, Tinti, Bal, Hayes, Spence
OTHERS PRESENT	Others present were: Ray Anderson, City Manager/Clerk; John Jarecki, Chief of Police; Mary Moreau, City Treasurer; Dolly Cook, County Clerk; Aaron Harper, WJNR; TV 6; Chris Ninomiya, Prosecuting Attorney; Dickinson County Board of Commissioners; Doni Mae, The Current; and 33 citizens.
PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS LAKE FUMEE RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS OF WARRANTY DEED	<p>Discussion with County Board regarding restrictive covenants of warranty deed.</p> <p>Mr. Wender - (spoke on behalf of County Board) Requests changing language in deed to allow emergency vehicles, groomers, and logging vehicles for storm damage.</p> <p>Larry Tinti - (City Council) Discussed the history of the covenants and why they were originally placed on the deed.</p> <p>Dr. Paul Hayes - (City Council) Area was intended to be a natural area by a vote of the people - can we legally change that?</p> <p>Terry Spence - (City Council) Glad that negotiations have begun - wants to see what the people of Norway want.</p> <p>George Bal - (City Council) The City Council needs to vote for what the people of Norway want - not for the sake of any special interest groups.</p> <p>Jerry Coates - (Mayor-City Council) In favor of emergency vehicles being allowed - also wants to hear from the City residents.</p> <p>Tom Clark - (County Board) - suggests waiver to deed covenants to remove logs from 38 acre area, with deed covenants remaining in force as is after waiver period.</p> <p>Mr. Wender (County Board) The only citizens that speak out are the negative ones - keep that in mind.</p> <p>John Degenaer - (County Board) Supports removal of storm damage - serious safety issue by leaving the trees down - decision should be made quickly.</p>

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Frank Smith - Feels that the people who have contacted him are 30 - 1 in favor of removing the logs - Where do we draw the line on what emergency vehicles would be allowed.

Joe Stephens - (County Board) Concerned and interested in what Norway citizens want - key to this whole issue is with the City.

Larry Tinti - (City Council) May want to consider harvesting part of the area and leaving the rest as is - good science lesson to observe and see how the areas look in the future.

Dr. Paul Hayes - (City Council) Agrees with Larry's recommendation - could be very educational - should follow states definition of natural area.

Mr. Wender - (County Board) Fumee Lake Commission deserves a pat on the back for the work they have done in that area.

PUBLIC  
COMMENTS

Joe Tavernini - Norway  
Joe Massie - Breitung Twp.  
Lucy Shampo - Chairperson of Fumee Lake Commission  
Bob Povich - Iron Mountain  
Phyllis Carlsen - Breitung Twp.  
Lee Meneghini - Norway  
Ray Hamm - Randville  
Stacy Cotey - Norway  
Darlene Strand - Breitung Twp.  
Hager Anderson - Member of Fumee Lake Commission

ADJOURN      03-026      A motion was made by Council member Bal,  
supported by Council member Spence and unanimously  
approved to adjourn at 8:00 P.M.

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Edward J Coates, Mayor

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Ray Anderson,  
City Manager/Clerk